

of M., Cowper of G., Davenport, Dick, Dishongh, Dobson, Elliott, Gilmore, Guinn, Hall, Hawkins, Hill, Hoover, Howell, Kerr, Lindsay, M'Daniel, M'Entire, M'Farland, Marshall of A, Martin of R., Martin of W., Matthews, Miller, Montgomery of H., Montgomery of O., Moye of G., Moye of P., Parham, Pool, Rencher, Rowland, Spaight, Selby, Sherard, Simmons, Skinner, Thomson, Underwood, Vanhook, Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are Messrs, Askew, Bateman, Brittain, Campbell, Hoke, Kendall, Melchor, Mosely, Ray, Seawell, Sneed, Williams.

The bill was thereupon read the third time and passed, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Brownrigg, from the committee on the Militia and better defence of the State, to whom was referred the resolution instructing them to inquire whether any and what amendments are necessary to the laws prescribing the mode of ordering out the militia of this State in cases of insurrection or invasion, reported a bill, entitled a bill pointing out the mode whereby the militia of this State shall hereafter be called into service, in cases of insurrection or invasion and outlawed and runaway negroes; which was read the first time and passed, and, on motion of Mr. Wilson, ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hall presented the following resolution, to wit:

*Resolved*, That a message be sent to the House of Commons, proposing to raise a joint select committee of five members on the part of each House, to inquire into the expediency of altering the days of Election, so that it shall come on different days in each county throughout the State.

Which was read, and the question on the adoption thereof was decided in the negative.

Mr. Dick presented the following preamble and resolutions, to wit:

Whereas many of the good people of North Carolina entertain the opinion that the Constitution of the State is defective in some of its fundamental provisions, and requires amendment, more especially in the present mode of representation, which, instead of being on the just and equitable basis of taxation and population, is according to counties unequal in size and greatly disproportionate in wealth and numbers. And whereas local jealousies and divisions, growing out of this state of things, have for many years existed among us, creating dissensions among the people, distracting the councils of the State, and obstructing all liberal and wholesome legislation—a condition of things which the character and prosperity of the State plainly require should be removed from among us, that we may become *one people*, possessing common rights and influenced by a common principle. And whereas many of the good people of this State entertain the opinion that the seat of government should be removed to some place uniting more advantages than the city of Raleigh: Therefore, with a view of removing these difficulties on principles of compromise and mutual concession, and to restore good feeling among the people and harmony in the councils of the Legislature.

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina*, That it is expedient to call a Convention of the freemen of North Carolina, for the purpose of considering the propriety of amending the Constitution of the State, and also of removing the seat of government.

*Resolved further*, That it shall be the duty of the sheriffs of the several counties in this State, on the day of next, after twenty days' notice, to open polls at the places where elections are usually held in their respective counties, under the same rules and regulations as are required in the elections of members to the General Assembly; and all free white men over the age of twenty-one years, having been citizens of the State twelve months immediately preceding the day of election, are requested to attend said polls and vote for delegates to a Convention.

*And be it further resolved*, That the delegates to be chosen shall be distributed among the several counties as follows, the same being on the basis of federal numbers, that is to say, the counties of Ashe, Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Carteret, Currituck, Chowan, Camden, Gates, Greene, Hertford, Hyde, Haywood, Jones, Lenoir, Macon, Martin, Nash, Onslow, Pasquotank, Perquimons, Robeson, Tyrrell and Washington, each, shall elect one delegate only. The counties of Anson, Bertie, Beaufort, Cabarrus, Chatham, Cumberland, Caswell, Craven, Duplin, Davidson, Edgecomb, Franklin, Halifax, Johnston, Moore, Montgomery, New Hanover, Northampton, Person, Pitt, Randolph, Rockingham, Richmond, Sampson, Surry, Wilkes, Warren and Wayne, each, shall elect two delegates only. And the counties of Buncombe, Burke, Granville, Guilford, Iredell, Mecklenburg, Rutherford, Stokes and Wake shall each elect three delegates only. And the counties of Lincoln, Orange and Rowan shall each elect four delegates, and no more.